

# **UNAPPROVED**

## **Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission - Public Meeting, June 17, 2015**

The Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission held a Public Meeting on Wednesday June 17, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. in the Town Council Chambers, Town Hall, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, CT 06109.

### Members Present:

Brent Owen, Vice Chairman  
James Kulpa  
Lew Michaels  
David Ambrose  
Lawerence Buck  
Brian DiCoccio

Also Present: Don Moisa IWWC Agent

3 Persons in the audience

Vice Chairman Owen opened the meeting at 7:31 pm

### **GENERAL COMMENTS**

Mr. James D'Errico of 63 Middletown Ave. presented a photo of the area between 63 Middletown Ave. and Spring St.

Mr. D'Errico had written a letter to the Commission about a year ago regarding the area behind his house.

In the past the area had been a pond with a lot of wildlife but over the past couple of years it has been getting shallower and shallower.

Town staff inspected at that time and felt that it was caused by long term sedimentation and road sand and that any sediment coming from the north would likely be caught by the Spring St. pond.

Mr. D'Errico felt that something is changing and causing the sedimentation.

Mr. Moisa explained that he had looked at the area last year and again this week and could not find any source of the siltation and also explained that the Town Engineer & Town Manager are aware of Mr. D'Errico's concerns and work to clear the sedimentation would be a major capital project.

Commissioner Buck explained that there are two probable causes of the sedimentation:

1. Road sand
2. Natural process caused by the decomposition of plant material as it dies off and accumulates. Not dissimilar to the same problem to other ponds in town where there is not a point source of siltation.

This would be a major Town project that is not within the authority of the Inland Wetlands Commission to order.

The nutrients could come from road runoff, septic systems, and lawn fertilizers.

The best approach for Mr. D'Errico would be to work through Town Staff or the Health District, Park & Rec, and the Town Council to get this as a Capital Project.

The project would have to come before the Inland Wetlands Commission for approval but the Commission doesn't have the authority to initiate the process.

Mr. Moisa indicated that Town staff would look at the Milone & McBroom study to see if there were any recommendations.

## **PUBLIC MEETING**

**Application No. 657-15 Salvatore Cianci 125 Robbins Dr. Parcel # 158-002** Application for construction of a new garage within a regulated area.

Alex Artemie of Close Jensen & Miller represented the applicant.

Mr. Artemie explained that they are proposing a 28'x30' garage within the 100 Yr. Flood Zone.

The garage is going to be 840 S.F. located 6' off the southerly and westerly property lines.

A gravel drive will come off the existing drive and go around the house to the garage.

They estimate they will bring in 8 Cu. Yd. of fill but also remove 8 Cu.Yd. for a 0 Cu. Yds. Net fill.

Inland Wetlands are completely off the property, and they show silt fence along the southerly property line.

Commissioners questioned if the fence would be reset, if any utilities were proposed and if engineered flood openings would be part of the building permit process.

Mr. Artemie indicated that the fence would be relocated to the property line, that there would be power to the garage and that they would need 1 Sq. In. of flood opening for every S.F. of building, in this case they would need 840 Sq. In. of flood opening.

Commissioners pointed out that there may be zoning issues with the size and location of the garage.

Mr. Artemie indicated that he would confirm the zoning regulations.

Motion by Commissioner Ambrose to Approve as a Summary Ruling, seconded by Commission Buck.

All voted in favor, motion passed.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

1. Approval of Minutes- May 20,2015  
(LS,BO,JK,DH,MZ,LM,DA,LB)

Motion by Commissioner Michaels seconded by Commissioner Buck to Approve the minutes as presented.

All Commissioners present at the meeting voted in favor. Motion passed

2 Correspondence (No Action Required)

- a. email from James D'Errico, 63 Middletown Ave., Beaver Brook Sedimentation
- b. "Site Walks for Proposed Permit Applications, provided by Brent Owen

**ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chairman Owen Adjourned the meeting at 8:04 pm

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the minutes approved by the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission.

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Don Moisa, Wetlands Agent

Date